

REMARKS

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants respectfully request that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application on the merits.

The amendments to the specification are to insert priority information into the specification. Thus, these amendments introduce no new matter.

Response to Election of Species Requirement

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated April 28, 2010, Applicants elect the species set forth in Species I, Figures 1-2.

Claims 1-10 and 12-15 read on the elected species.

This election is made **with traverse**.

Applicants submit that the species identified in the Office Action are linked as to form a single inventive concept. Specifically, all the species identified in the Office Action fulfill the same function. The species as shown in the Figures show different embodiments to fix the spacer elements along which the thrums are guided on a rod. The function of the spacer elements is to guide the thrums of the knitted net to a distance between the thrums different to the distance while knitting to achieve a winding width which is different to the width of the knitting. Therefore, since the function of the spacer elements of all species is the same, the species are linked in such a way that they form a single general inventive concept.


In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the election of species requirement and that all of the species identified in the Office Action be examined together.

Applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request allowance thereof. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if that would be helpful in resolving any issues.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-5071.

Respectfully submitted,

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